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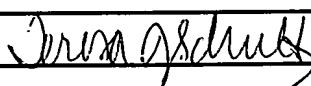
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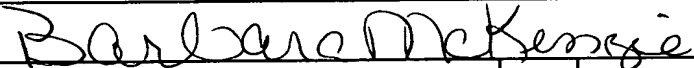
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For: USE OF COMPOUNDS FOR TREATING
CONDITIONS RESULTING FROM
INJURY TO THE CORNEAL NERVE
AFTER LASIK AND OTHER OCULAR
SURGERIES OR TRAUMA

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
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Sir:

This Paper is filed in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed January 26, 2006, for which the one-month date for response is February 26, 2006.

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Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Group Art Unit: 1618

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I. RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

The restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121 states that the present application claims three distinct inventions. Group I (claims 1-6) is drawn to a method of treatment of dry eye using a compound that promotes neuron regeneration or Neurite outgrowth, classified in class 514, subclass 263; Group II (claims 7-12) is drawn to a method of decreasing corneal sensitivity resulting from injury to cornea using a compound that promotes neuron regeneration or Neurite outgrowth, classified in class 514, subclass 263; and Group III (claims 13-18) is drawn to a method for treatment of injury to corneal nerve using a compound that promotes neuron regeneration or Neurite outgrowth, classified in class 514, subclass 263. For purposes of fully responding to the restriction requirement, Applicant elects the invention set forth in Group I, that is claims 1-6, but respectfully traverses the restriction requirement. Applicant reserves the right to pursue claims directed to the non-elected inventions and embodiments at a later time.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at (817) 551-4321 with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

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